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Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Ms. Katja **Pehrman** (Finland)

I. Introduction

1. At its 17th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 7th, 25th, 29th, 31st and 32nd meetings, on 18 October, 21 November and 12 and 16 December 2005. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/60/SR.7, 25, 29, 31 and 32).

3. For its consideration of the question, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[1]

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Funds for International Partnerships (A/60/327);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the suspension of recruitment for posts in the General Service and related categories (A/60/363);

(d) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/7/Add.2);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/60/366);

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 7* (A/60/7 and Corr.1).

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(f) Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the regular programme of technical cooperation and the Development Account (A/59/397);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/60/425);

(h) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the United Nations Office in Timor-Leste (A/60/7/Add.10).

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.9

4. At its 29th meeting, on 12 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: United Nations Office in Timor-Leste" (A/C.5/60/L.9), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Jordan.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.9 without a vote (see para. 14).

B. Draft decision orally proposed by the Chairman

6. At its 29th meeting, on 12 December, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision on the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (see para. 15 draft decision I).

C. Draft decision A/C.5/60/L.10

7. At the 32nd meeting, on 16 December, the representative of Jamaica (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), introduced a draft decision entitled "Provision of conference services" (A/C.5/60/L.10) and orally revised it by inserting the words "the informal consultations of" before the words "the Fifth Committee".

8. At the same meeting, the Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to rule 120 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. The Chief of the Common Services Unit, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts, orally reported to the Committee on expenditures relating to the draft decision as orally revised. The Acting Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee (see A/C.5/60/SR.32).

9. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Jamaica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) requested a waiver of rule 120 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

10. At the 32nd meeting, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), objected to the request for a waiver of rule 120 of the rules of procedure.

11. At the same meeting, the Committee voted to waive rule 120 of the rules of procedure by a recorded vote of 80 to 34, with 4 abstentions. The voting was as follows:[2]

In favour:

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Gabon, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Bosnia and Herzegovina, France, Monaco, Russian Federation.

12. Also at the 32nd meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/60/L.10, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 81 to 34 (see para. 15, draft decision II). The voting was as follows:[3]

In favour:

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar,

[2] The delegation of Botswana subsequently indicated that his delegation had inadvertently pushed the voting button of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

[3] The delegations of Indonesia and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela subsequently indicated that they had intended to vote in favour.

Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining:

None.

13. At the same meeting, after the adoption of the draft decision as orally revised, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), the Russian Federation, Jamaica (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), Australia, Japan, South Africa, Cuba and Egypt (see A/C.5/60/SR.32).

III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

14. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: United Nations Office in Timor-Leste

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in its report, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Decides* to approve the position of Chief of Staff at the D-1 level;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure appropriate coordination of gender mainstreaming activities;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to make every effort to achieve savings on operational costs taking into account the recommendations of the Advisory Committee;

6. *Approves* the budget for the United Nations Office in Timor-Leste in the amount of 21,939,900 United States dollars net (23,782,100 dollars gross) for the period from 21 May to 31 December 2005;

7. *Notes* that requirements for the United Nations Office in Timor-Leste, after taking into account the utilization of savings of 6,301,700 dollars under the United Nations Advance Mission in the Sudan, amount to 15,638,200 dollars (17,480,400 dollars gross);

8. *Decides* to appropriate, under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, an amount of 15,638,200 dollars under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for 2004-2005, for the United Nations Office in Timor-Leste;

9. *Also decides* to appropriate an amount of 1,842,200 dollars under section 34, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

[1] A/60/425.
[2] A/60/7/Add.10.

15. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I
United Nations Fund for International Partnerships

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships.[1]

Draft decision II
Provision of conference services

The General Assembly decides to provide full conference services to the informal consultations of the Fifth Committee beyond 6 p.m. and on weekends until the end of the main part of its sixtieth session and to report on any expenditure in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

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I. Introduction

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2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 7th, 25th and 29th meetings, on 18 October, 21 November and 12 December 2005. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/60/SR.7, 25 and 29).

3. For its consideration of the question, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[1]

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Funds for International Partnerships (A/60/327);

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(e) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (A/60/366);

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(h) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the United Nations Office in Timor-Leste (A/60/7/Add.10).

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.9

4. At its 29th meeting, on 12 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: United Nations Office in Timor-Leste" (A/C.5/60/L.9), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Jordan.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.9 without a vote (see para. 7).

B. Draft decision orally proposed by the Chairman

6. At its 29th meeting, on 12 December, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted a draft decision on the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (see para. 8).

III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: United Nations Office in Timor-Leste

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in its report, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Decides* to approve the position of Chief of Staff at the D-1 level;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure appropriate coordination of gender mainstreaming activities;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to make every effort to achieve savings on operational costs taking into account the recommendations of the Advisory Committee;

6. *Approves* the budget for the United Nations Office in Timor-Leste in the amount of 21,939,900 United States dollars net (23,782,100 dollars gross) for the period from 21 May to 31 December 2005;

7. *Notes* that requirements for the United Nations Office in Timor-Leste, after taking into account the utilization of savings of 6,301,700 dollars under the United Nations Advance Mission in the Sudan, amount to 15,638,200 dollars (17,480,400 dollars gross);

8. *Decides* to appropriate, under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, an amount of 15,638,200 dollars under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for 2004-2005, for the United Nations Office in Timor-Leste;

9. *Also decides* to appropriate an amount of 1,842,200 dollars under section 34, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

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[1] A/60/425.

[2] A/60/7/Add.10.

8. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

United Nations Fund for International Partnerships

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Fund for International Partnerships.[1]

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[1] A/60/327

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Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Ms. Katja **Pehrman** (Finland)

I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 123 appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/60/593.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item and in particular the question of the provision of conference services at its 31st and 32nd meetings, on 16 December 2005. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/60/SR.31 and 32).

II. Consideration of draft decision A/C.5/60/L.10

3. At the 32nd meeting, on 16 December, the representative of Jamaica (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), introduced a draft decision entitled "Provision of conference services" (A/C.5/60/L.10) and orally revised it by inserting the words "the informal consultations of" before the words "the Fifth Committee".

4. At the same meeting, the Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to rule 120 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. The Chief of the Common Services Unit, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts, read out a statement of the programme budget implications of the revised draft decision. The Acting Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the related report of that Committee (see A/C.5/60/SR.32).

5. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Jamaica (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and

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China) requested a waiver of rule 120 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

6. At the 32nd meeting, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), objected to the request for a waiver of rule 120 of the rules of procedure.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee voted to waive rule 120 of the rules of procedure by a recorded vote of 80 to 34, with 4 abstentions. The voting was as follows:[1]

In favour:

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Gabon, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Bosnia and Herzegovina, France, Monaco, Russian Federation.

8. Also at the 32nd meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/60/L.10, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 81 to 34 (see para. 10). The voting was as follows:[2]

In favour:

Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of),

[1] The delegation of Botswana subsequently indicated that his delegation had inadvertently pushed the voting button of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

[2] The delegations of Indonesia and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela subsequently indicated that they had intended to vote in favour.

Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining:

None.

9. At the same meeting, after the adoption of the draft decision, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), the Russian Federation, Jamaica (on behalf of the States Members that are members of the Group of 77 and China), Australia, Japan, South Africa, Cuba and Egypt (see A/C.5/60/SR.32).

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III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

10. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Provision of conference services

The General Assembly decides to provide full conference services to the informal consultations of the Fifth Committee beyond 6 p.m. and on weekends until the end of the main part of its sixtieth session and to report on any expenditure in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

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Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Ms. Katja **Pehrman** (Finland)

I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 123 appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/60/593.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 34th and 36th meetings, on 20 and 23 December 2005. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/60/SR.34 and 36).

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 (A/60/572 and Add.1-4) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/597).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.14

4. At its 36th meeting, on 23 December 2005, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005" (A/C.5/60/L.14), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of the Republic of Korea.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/60/L.14 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

A
Final budget appropriations for the biennium 2004-2005

The General Assembly,

1. *Takes note* of the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions concerning the financial performance for the biennium 2004-2005;[2]

2. *Notes* that paragraph 3 of the report of the Advisory Committee indicates that an additional cost of 257,200 United States dollars is required for the implementation of decision 60/___,* partially offsetting the decrease of 81,965,400 dollars reflected under expenditure sections in the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005;

3. *Resolves* that, for the biennium 2004-2005:

(a) The amount of 3,737,508,800 dollars appropriated by it in its resolutions 59/277 A to C of 23 December 2004, 59/282 of 13 April 2005, 59/294 of 22 June 2005 and 60/___** of __ December 2005 shall be decreased by 81,708,200 dollars, as follows:

(United States dollars)

		Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 59/277 A-C, 59/282, 59/294 and 60/__	*Increase/ (decrease)*	*Final appropriation*
Part I. Overall policymaking, direction and coordination				
1.	Overall policymaking, direction and coordination	61 543 200	1 915 500	63 458 700
2.	General Assembly affairs and conference services	560 256 500	(4 407 100)	555 849 400
	Total, part I	**621 799 700**	**(2 491 600)**	**619 308 100**
Part II. Political affairs				
3.	Political affairs	550 611 500	(59 847 300)	490 764 200
4.	Disarmament	18 739 900	(1 038 300)	17 701 600
5.	Peacekeeping operations	92 859 800	(4 003 300)	88 856 500
6.	Peaceful uses of outer space	5 903 900	(62 200)	5 841 700
	Total, part II	**668 115 100**	**(64 951 100)**	**603 164 000**

[1] A/60/572 and Add.1-4

[2] A/60/597

* Decision number to be inserted (see A/C.5/60/L.10).

** Resolution number to be inserted (see A/C.5/60/L.9).

		Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 59/277 A-C, 59/282, 59/294 and 60/...	*Increase/ (decrease)*	*Final appropriation*
Part III. International justice and law				
7.	International Court of Justice	34 936 000	(1 105 100)	33 830 900
8.	Legal affairs	40 634 000	(124 700)	40 509 300
	Total, part III	**75 570 000**	**(1 229 800)**	**74 340 200**
Part IV. International cooperation for development				
9.	Economic and social affairs	143 027 700	(2 124 800)	140 902 900
10.	Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	4 358 600	(260 600)	4 098 000
11.	United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	9 575 000	(1 306 800)	8 268 200
12.	Trade and development	114 802 300	(3 207 100)	111 595 200
13.	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO	26 136 300	(540 300)	25 596 000
14.	Environment	10 915 800	118 800	11 034 600
15.	Human settlements	16 012 800	(61 900)	15 950 900
16.	Crime prevention and criminal justice	10 040 200	658 300	10 698 500
17.	International drug control	21 476 100	(674 300)	20 801 800
	Total, part IV	**356 344 800**	**(7 398 700)**	**348 946 100**
Part V. Regional cooperation for development				
18.	Economic and social development in Africa	96 242 000	(2 162 800)	94 079 200
19.	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	65 067 100	3 291 700	68 358 800
20.	Economic development in Europe	54 761 800	999 800	55 761 600
21.	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	85 371 400	(1 151 100)	84 220 300
22.	Economic and social development in Western Asia	50 995 600	(862 400)	50 133 200
23.	Regular programme of technical cooperation	42 871 500	—	42 871 500
	Total, part V	**395 309 400**	**115 200**	**395 424 600**
Part VI. Human rights and humanitarian affairs				
24.	Human rights	64 571 300	(2 701 700)	61 869 600
25.	Protection of and assistance to refugees	66 243 900	775 500	67 019 400
26.	Palestine refugees	34 641 000	1 297 700	35 938 700
27.	Humanitarian assistance	24 275 300	(359 800)	23 915 500
	Total, part VI	**189 731 500**	**(988 300)**	**188 743 200**
Part VII. Public information				
28.	Public information	162 322 600	(883 800)	161 438 800
	Total, part VII	**162 322 600**	**(883 800)**	**161 438 800**

		Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 59/277 A-C, 59/282, 59/294 and 60/...	*Increase (decrease)*	*Final appropriation*
Part VIII. Common support services				
29A	Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management	11 518 000	204 500	11 722 500
29B	Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts	29 460 100	(529 400)	28 930 700
29C	Office of Human Resources Management	58 562 300	(1 076 700)	57 485 600
29D	Office of Central Support Services	229 894 300	(1 814 800)	228 079 500
29E	Administration, Geneva	102 173 300	85 800	102 259 100
29F	Administration, Vienna	32 025 300	76 400	32 101 700
29G	Administration, Nairobi	13 512 500	2 021 700	15 534 200
	Total, part VIII	**477 145 800**	**(1 032 500)**	**476 113 300**
Part IX. Internal oversight				
30	Internal oversight	24 187 000	(426 900)	23 760 100
	Total, part IX	**24 187 000**	**(426 900)**	**23 760 100**
Part X. Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses				
31	Jointly financed administrative activities	10 445 200	124 800	10 570 000
32	Special expenses	81 255 900	936 100	82 192 000
	Total, part X	**91 701 100**	**1 060 900**	**92 762 000**
Part XI. Capital expenditures				
33	Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	104 566 600	225 700	104 792 300
	Total, part XI	**104 566 600**	**225 700**	**104 792 300**
Part XII. Staff assessment				
34	Staff assessment	417 544 800	11 806 200	429 351 000
	Total, part XII	**417 544 800**	**11 806 200**	**429 351 000**
Part XIII. Development Account				
35	Development Account	13 065 000		13 065 000
	Total, part XIII	**13 065 000**	**—**	**13 065 000**
Part XIV. Safety and security				
36	Safety and security	140 105 400	(15 513 500)	124 591 900
	Total, part XIV	**140 105 400**	**(15 513 500)**	**124 591 900**
	Grand total	**3 737 508 800**	**(81 708 200)**	**3 655 800 600**

(b) The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee;

(c) In addition to the appropriations approved under subparagraph (a) above, an amount of 125,000 dollars is appropriated for each year of the biennium 2004-2005 from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the

purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

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Final income estimates for the biennium 2004-2005

The General Assembly,

Resolves that, for the biennium 2004-2005:

(a) The estimates of income of 450,202,500 United States dollars approved by it in its resolution 59/277 B of 23 December 2004, 59/282 of 13 April 2005, 59/294 of 22 June 2005 and 60/___** of ___ December 2005 shall be increased by 20,456,600 dollars, as follows:

Income section	*Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolutions 59/277 B, 59/282, 59/294 and 60/___*	*Increase/ (decrease)*	*Final estimate*
	(United States dollars)		
1. Income from staff assessment	421 964 300	11 024 100	432 988 400
Total, income section 1	**421 964 300**	**11 024 100**	**432 988 400**
2. General income	24 009 500	7 671 200	31 680 700
3. Services to the public	4 228 700	1 761 300	5 990 000
Total, income sections 2 and 3	**28 238 200**	**9 432 500**	**37 670 700**
Grand total	**450 202 500**	**20 456 600**	**470 659 100**

(b) The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

(c) Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications, not provided for under the budget appropriations, shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

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Note verbale dated 12 December 2005 from the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General, and has the honour to request that it circulate as a document of the General Assembly the press release issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship of Argentina on Tuesday, 6 December 2005 (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 12 December 2005 from the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Relations with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning the conservation of fisheries resources in the South Atlantic

On 27 October 2005 the Argentine Government proposed to the British Government that the South Atlantic Fisheries Commission should hold its twenty-eighth meeting. The meeting was held on Tuesday, 6 December 2005. However, the British delegation did not agree to adopt the agenda proposed by the Argentine delegation, which contemplated an examination of the mandate of the Commission and the extent to which it had been affected by a prolonged series of British unilateral measures.

The British delegation consisted of two officials from the British Embassy in Buenos Aires and lacked the usual scientific component.

The South Atlantic Fisheries Commission was established by the Joint Statement on the conservation of fisheries resources signed by the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom on 28 November 1990, under the sovereignty formula.

The Commission constitutes one of the provisional understandings between Argentina and the United Kingdom, which have the essential aim of contributing to the creation of an environment conducive to the resumption of negotiations to resolve the dispute over sovereignty of the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas. The understandings reached with regard to fisheries are intended in particular to protect and conserve fisheries resources in the disputed area.

The United Kingdom has adopted a new measure that constitutes a form of unlawful and unilateral long-term disposition of fisheries resources in the maritime areas surrounding the Malvinas Islands. That measure follows, among many other actions, the unilateral lifting by the United Kingdom in December 1993 of the total temporary ban on fishing in the area described in annex 1 to the Joint Statement of 28 November 1990 and the extension of its claimed jurisdiction to the area to the west of it. Since that time, Argentina has reiterated on many occasions the need for a joint review of that measure and its rejection of the extension of jurisdiction. The Argentine position, which has been reflected in the Commission's joint press releases, has not — to date — received an adequate response from the United Kingdom.

Argentina has warned the United Kingdom on many occasions that it would reject new British unilateral measures, particularly those aimed at the long-term disposition of fisheries resources that are the subject of a sovereignty dispute. It has also warned that the adoption of such a measure would seriously affect cooperation within the South Atlantic Fisheries Commission. The rejection of that measure by Argentina is reflected in the joint press release issued by the twenty-seventh meeting of the Commission held on 15 July 2005 in London. Moreover, Argentina notified the United Kingdom on 3 and 29 June 2005 of its formal protest against the

intention to take that action. Lastly, after the British measure was taken, Argentina formally rejected and protested it on 27 October 2005.

This decision follows previous British unilateral measures, duly rejected and protested by the Argentine Republic, which are incompatible with the bilateral understandings on cooperation for the conservation of fisheries resources and out of harmony with the spirit of cooperation that should prevail in the South Atlantic Fisheries Commission and which undermine the mutual confidence necessary for cooperation in fisheries conservation.

The British unilateral measures seriously impair cooperation in the Commission. The Argentine Government will take the actions available to it within the legal framework applicable to this situation in its conduct towards enterprises that exploit fisheries resources in the Argentine exclusive economic zone without appropriate authorization.

The Argentine Republic will continue to make serious efforts to conserve fisheries resources in the South Atlantic.

The Argentine Republic reaffirms its rights of sovereignty over the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas, which form an integral part of its national territory.